

## TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

## SEC. 301. REVIEW AND REPORT ON H-2A NON-IMMIGRANT WORKERS PROGRAM.

(a) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the enactment of this Act may impact the future availability of an adequate work force for the producers of our Nation's labor intensive agricultural commodities and livestock.

(b) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General shall review the effectiveness of the H-2A nonimmigrant worker program to ensure that the program provides a workable safety value in the event of future shortages of domestic workers after the enactment of this Act. Among other things, the Comptroller General shall review the program to determine—

(1) that the program ensures that an adequate supply of qualified United States workers is available at the time and place needed for employers seeking such workers after the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) that the program ensures that there is timely approval of applications for temporary foreign workers under the H-2A nonimmigrant worker program in the event of shortages of United States workers after the date of enactment of this Act;

(3) that the program ensures that implementation of the H-2A nonimmigrant worker program is not displacing United States agricultural workers or diminishing the terms and conditions of employment of United States agricultural workers; and

(4) if and to what extent the H-2A nonimmigrant worker program is contributing to the problem of illegal immigration.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 1996, or three months after the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is sooner, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to Congress setting forth the findings of the review conducted under subsection (b).

(d) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

(1) the term "Comptroller General" means the Comptroller General of the United States; and

(2) the term "H-2A nonimmigrant worker program" means the program for the admission of nonimmigrant aliens described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(iii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

## NOTICE OF HEARING

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public the scheduling of a hearing before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management on S. 1662, the Omnibus Oregon Resources Conservation Act.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 1996 at 2:00 PM in SD 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC. Testimony will be received on the two major titles of the bill: Opal Creek Wilderness and Scenic-Recreation Area; and Coquille Forest Proposal.

Those wishing to testify or who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC. 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey of the subcommittee staff at 202-224-6170.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

## COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services and the associated subcommittees be authorized to meet at the following times 3 pm Monday, April 29, 1996. For markup of the fiscal year 1997 Defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO KEVIN MURPHY, DIANE LONERGAN, DIANE SAWYER, AND BREWSTER BARTLETT FOR RECEIVING THE 1995 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHING

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise before you today to congratulate four outstanding New Hampshire teachers on receiving the 1995 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Kevin Murphy of Milford, an elementary school mathematics teacher at Milford Elementary School in Milford; Diane Lonergan of Merrimack, an elementary school science teacher at Memorial School in Bedford; Diane Sawyer of Portsmouth, a secondary school mathematics teacher at Exeter Area Junior High School in Exeter; and Brewster Bartlett of Loudon, a secondary school science teacher at Pinkerton Academy in Derry were the four deserving recipients of this prestigious award.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching Program is administered by the National Science Foundation [NSF]. The awards are designed to recognize and reward outstanding teachers from elementary and secondary schools who serve as models for their colleagues and encourage high quality teachers to enter and remain in the teaching field. In addition to the distinguished national recognition that comes with the award, each recipient's school will receive an NSF grant of \$7,500 to be used under the direction of the teacher, and to supplement other resources for improving science or mathematics programs in the school system.

The four outstanding recipients of this teaching award will spend a week in May in Washington, DC, for a series of events to commemorate their selection. They will be honored at the U.S. State Department and other organizations such as the National Academy of Science.

There is no more important resource in America today than our school teachers. As a former teacher, I understand the devotion and hard work necessary to be a successful teacher and a positive role model for children. These

four outstanding teachers have displayed not only extraordinary talents in their teaching, but have also shown a remarkable level of commitment to their students. I am proud to honor these four exceptional teachers for nurturing the best and the brightest students New Hampshire has to offer. I would like to congratulate Kevin Murphy, Brewster Bartlett, Diane Lonergan, and Diane Sawyer for this distinguished recognition, and thank them for their devotion to students in New Hampshire.●

## CONFERENCE AGREEMENT ON THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION, H.R. 3019

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I am pleased I was able to support the conference agreement on H.R. 3019, the 14th and final effort to provide FY 96 funding for the various agencies of the Federal Government, when it passed the Senate on April 25 by a vote of 88-11.

After a long and wrenching struggle, Republicans and Democrats finally reached agreement on the remaining fiscal year 1996 appropriations measures that will fund nine cabinet departments and dozens of agencies for the balance of this fiscal year. These appropriations bills were supposed to have been completed on September 30 last year. Meanwhile more than half of the fiscal year has expired. Hopefully, the exercise we have gone through this appropriations cycle—14 continuing resolutions and 2 long government shutdowns—will not be repeated. It's time to get on with the business of Government and run it in a business-like manner.

Overall, appropriations levels for fiscal year 1996 have been cut by \$23 billion. That represents a significant downpayment on reaching a balanced budget over the next 7 years. The dispute concerning these bills was a struggle over priorities. The House bill, as originally passed, made cuts in programs that the President and many of us in Congress believe are critical to the long-term economic and social health of the Nation. While nobody received everything he or she wanted in this long-awaited conference agreement, I commend the conferees for moving significantly closer to the President's position by providing approximately \$5.1 billion more than the House originally sought for education, job training, environmental protection, technology, and law enforcement. These increases, which I believe are essential investments in our future, have been fully offset with cuts in other accounts. The lack of certainty about Federal education funding levels was playing havoc with school systems throughout the country. I am pleased that they will now be able to accurately plan their budgets and sign teacher contracts for the next school year.

I would also like to commend the conferees for their efforts to eliminate